

/Now we will begin the fifth course on the Gospel of Matthew. /We will begin at Matthew, chapter 6. /The subject of chapter 6 is about what believers must do.

/First is "Giving to the Needy". /Verses 1-4. /Second is "Prayer". /Verses 5-8. /Third is "The Lord's Prayer". /Verses 9-15. /Fourth is "Fasting". /Verses 16-18. /Fifth is "Treasures in Heaven". /Verses 19-24. /Sixth is "Do Not Worry". /Verses 25-32. /Seventh is "Seeking Righteousness". /Verses 33-34.

/Matthew 6:1. Read. /Be careful not to practice your righteousness in front of others to be seen by them. If you do, you will have no reward from your Father in heaven.

/We must not be righteous in order to show off to others. /When we practice righteousness we must do it before God and for God. /When we attempt to show off to others, then that means that we are seeking praise from people.

/Therefore, we must not look to or depend on people. /When we receive praise from people, we lose our rewards from God.

/Verse 2. /So when you give to the needy, do not announce it with trumpets, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and on the streets, to be honored by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full.

/The purpose of giving to the needy is that we may be right before God. /Giving to the needy is God's will. /Therefore, we must help others with the heart of carrying out the will of God. /Thus, we must not help others only so that we can boast about it.

/We must not give to the needy to receive praise from others. /When we help the needy with the purpose of receiving compliments from people, then that will be our only reward. /When we receive praise from people then we will have nothing to receive from God.

/Verse 3. /But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing,

/When we give to the needy we must do it in secret. /God will see our secret deeds and will give back to us. /We must not be delighted by the compliments we receive from people. /We must use our possessions for good according to the will of God.

/This is how we can be righteous before God. /Hence, when we act in secret, God will give back to us. /God will compliment us.

/Verse 4. /so that your giving may be in secret. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.

/Our God is in the midst of secretiveness. /Therefore, he knows all our good deeds. /Even if we do good deeds without anyone knowing, God will know.

/Thus, God will compliment you on your deeds. /God will make us rich in spirit.

/Verse 5. /And when you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners to be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full.

/When we pray we must not pray as hypocrites do. /We must not pray to show off to people. /Whether or not people see us, we must pray to God. /We must pray according to the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

/We must pray with sincerity. /We must pray in the secretiveness of our rooms. /When we pray as hypocrites do, we will receive compliments from people. /That will leave us no rewards to receive from God.

/Verse 6. /But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.

/Jesus tells us to go into our rooms when we pray. /These rooms symbolize a spiritual world. /This place is not anyone else's room, but "your" room. /Therefore, we must each go to our own rooms and pray.

/Jesus tells us to close the door when we pray. /This means that we should not let the things of the world enter into our hearts. /Also, our hearts must not go out into the world. /We must always protect our hearts. /Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it. Proverbs 4:23

/When we pray for the first time, it is difficult to be in our rooms. /Our hearts become scattered. /Our hearts are scattered. /We are distracted by worldly thoughts. /We think about this and that. /From there we must make the effort to enter into our rooms.

/We must gather our hearts. /We must give our attention to God. /Then we must make sure that the things of the world do not enter our hearts. /Therefore, we must meet God in the secretiveness of our rooms. /This is how we can enter into his sanctuary.

/We must walk with God, /be delighted through God, /and be satisfied through God. /Then God will hear us. /God will help us realize the truth, /and will comfort us. /God will also answer us with abundance.

/Verse 7. /And when you pray, do not keep on babbling like pagans, for they think they will be heard because of their many words.

/Jesus said that we must not babble like pagans do. /This babbling refers to praying formally without any faith. /This type of prayer is to pray without being able to go into our rooms. /Jesus prayed three times at the Garden of Gethsemane.

/Elijah prayed seven times on Mount Carmel for rainfall. /Jesus' prayers and Elijah's prayers are not babbled prayers. /This is spiritual prayer.

/It is okay to repeat the same things. /However, babbling prayer is prayer that lacks faith and has doubt. /We must believe and pray.

/Verse 8. /Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.

/We think that we must say many things for God to hear us. /However, God knows all our needs. /God knows all these things even before we ask of him. /Therefore, the important thing is that we enter into our rooms and pray according to God's will.

/Verse 9. /This, then, is how you should pray: 'Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,

/From here we see the Lord's Prayer. /Jesus taught us the Lord's Prayer. /This is the best prayer there is. /We must also pray in this way. /This is the standard for prayer.

/Jesus said, "Our Father in heaven". /This means that God who is in heaven is above all in terms of morals, wisdom, and capabilities. /God is most capable of everything. /Also, Jesus said, "Our Father". /God is the Father of our "world".

/This is not egotism. /This world is for all of us. /"Father" refers to the One who gave us all life. /Jesus also said, "Hallowed be your name". /This prayer is to glorify God's name.

/Our priority must be to be devoted to God. /We must not seek our own interests but must glorify God. /We must always live for the glory of God. /I eagerly expect and hope that I will in no way be ashamed, but will have sufficient courage so that now as always Christ will be exalted in my body, whether by life or by death. Philippians 1:20

/We must not set the standard for how great or how less our lives are. /We must act and live for the glory of God and for his honor. /We may suffer losses at times but we must be satisfied if we know it will glorify God.

/Verse 10. /your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

/Jesus said, "your kingdom come". /This prayer asks for God's reign, guidance, and assertion in our lives. /We believers must remain under the God's reign.

/Our hearts must receive God's guidance and assertions. /Then in our hearts God's kingdom will come. /We call God, "Lord". /This means that we accept God as our Lord.

/This also means that we submit ourselves as God's servants. /We must receive our Lord's guidance and assertion. /Our churches, families, and societies must receive God's guidance.

/Our lives must center on Jesus. /"Nor will people say, 'Here it is,' or 'There it is,' because the kingdom of God is in your midst." Luke 17:21 /Hence, God's kingdom is with us. /**17** For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking, but of righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit, **18** because anyone who serves Christ in this way is pleasing to God and receives human approval. Romans 14:17-18 /Jesus said that "your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven".

/In the present, there are many people in this world who go against the will of God. /There are many people who disobey God. /This prayer prays that such things will disappear and only the will of God will be done on this earth.

/Jesus prayed, "Yet not as I will, but as you will". /We must pray that our Father's will be done among us.

/Verse 11. /Give us today our daily bread.

/Jesus prayed that God give us today our daily bread. /The daily bread is spiritual food. /When we step forward in our faith, God will give us food for our bodies as well. /However, we must first seek spiritual food.

/In verse 25, Jesus says do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink or what you will wear. /Jesus also said to seek first his kingdom and his righteousness. /This is not food for our bodies.

/Jesus wants us to seek spiritual food. /"My food," said Jesus, "is to do the will of him who sent me and to finish his work. John 4:34 /Do not work for food that spoils, but for food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For on him God the Father has placed his seal of approval." John 6:27 /When believers eat the spiritual food, then God will provide them with physical food for their bodies as well. /We must eat the spiritual food so that our souls may live.

/Verse 12. /And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.

/Jesus said, "And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors". /This prayer is a prayer of breaking away from sin and becoming holy. /Our God has forgiven us of all our sins.

/However, there is still corruption within us. /This prayer helps us ask to be saved from our corrupted ways. /We have already been forgiven of our sins. /Still, there are sins that remain in us.

/We must rid ourselves of sins and greed. /We must become like Jesus. /The Prayer says, “we also have forgiven our debtors”. /We must forgive those who have done us wrong.

/For that reason, we ask for forgiveness of our sins. /This means to pray that God will remove the corruption that is in us. /It also means to ask for forgiveness of the sins we commit every day.

/This prayer also prays for walls between believers to be broken down. /Needless to say, God forgives us of our sins whether we forgive or don’t forgive the sins of others.

/Our salvation is not conditional. /We are not forgiven of our sins according to the conditions God has made. /We must forgive others for whatever wrongdoings they have committed against us.

/When we don’t forgive others for their wrongdoings, our spiritual path to God gets blocked. /When we don’t forgive others, the relationship between God and us also become blocked.

/When this happens, we drift apart from the world of grace. /We cannot receive God’s mercy. /Because judgment without mercy will be shown to anyone who has not been merciful. Mercy triumphs over judgment. James 2:13
/Furthermore, when we do not forgive others, we cannot obtain sanctification. /We cannot escape sin’s influences on us.

/Therefore, we must forgive others for their wrongdoings against us. /We must even forgive them seventy-seven times. /Jesus prayed that God would forgive those who nailed Him to the cross.

/The deacon Stephen prayed that God would forgive those who stoned him. /Joseph forgave his brothers who sold him into slavery. /Even when we don’t forgive others, God still forgives us of our sins.

/Still, if we don’t forgive others then we cannot receive God’s great mercy. /We must forgive others so that we can have a sense of freedom in our hearts. /When we don’t forgive others, we are committing the same sins.

/Verse 13. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. *(for yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.)*

/Jesus said, “And lead us not into temptation”. /The prayer does not say that we should

ask for no temptation in our lives. /There will be temptations while we live in this world. /When we are faced with temptations we must pray that we overcome them.

/When we overcome temptations it will spiritually benefit us. /**2** Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters,[a] whenever you face trials of many kinds, **3** because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. **4** Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything. James 1:2-4 /1:2-4 /Temptations are blessings that God gives us.

/**67** Before I was afflicted I went astray, but now I obey your word. **68** You are good, and what you do is good; teach me your decrees. **69** Though the arrogant have smeared me with lies, I keep your precepts with all my heart. **70** Their hearts are callous and unfeeling, but I delight in your law. **71** It was good for me to be afflicted so that I might learn your decrees. Psalm 119:67-71 /Verse 71 /God only allows temptations that he knows we can handle. /**13** No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it. 1 Corinthians 10:13

/Therefore, we must rejoice when we are tempted. /We must pray that we may overcome temptations. /We must pray, “deliver us from the evil one”. /This world is full of evil.

/Without God’s power, we are destined to fall to evil. /Therefore, we pray that God’s power will save us from evil. /We must pray for deliverance from evil powers and evil people.

/We must pray for deliverance from Satan’s works throughout history. /This is why Jesus said that we must pray, “for yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever”.

/The Korean translation uses the word meaning, “whole”. /This word is in some manuscripts but not in others. /This is “hoti” in Hebrew. //This word means, “because”.

/The English meaning is “for”. /Because. /Because this means. /Because of this. /Its meaning refers to the “reason” for what and why. /This means that the kingdom and power and glory will be with God forever. /It means that it will all be with God forever.

/We must lift up the kingdom and power and glory to God. /We, humans, must not strive to receive glory, /but we must give all power and glory to God alone.

/Verses 14-15. /**14** For if you forgive other people when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. **15** But if you do not forgive others their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins.

/Believers must forgive others. /If we don’t forgive one another then we will not receive

forgiveness and grace from God the Father. /When we forgive others, we can receive God's grace. /Still, God forgives us of our sins whether we forgive others or not.

/If we don't forgive others for their sins then we cannot receive God's mercy. /When we forgive others for their wrongdoings, then God will continuously provide us with his mercy and love.

/Verse 16. /When you fast, do not look somber as the hypocrites do, for they disfigure their faces to show others they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full.

/Our Lord taught us what we should do when we fast. /Hypocrites showed others that they were sad-faced. /They showed off to others that they were fasting. /They fasted to show off to people.

/Then what is true fasting? /What is the purpose of fasting? /It is to lift our voices to God. / **3** 'Why have we fasted,' they say, 'and you have not seen it?Why have we humbled ourselves, and you have not noticed?' "Yet on the day of your fasting, you do as you please and exploit all your workers. **4** Your fasting ends in quarreling and strife, and in striking each other with wicked fists.You cannot fast as you do today and expect your voice to be heard on high. **5** Is this the kind of fast I have chosen, only a day for people to humble themselves?Is it only for bowing one's head like a reed and for lying in sackcloth and ashes?Is that what you call a fast, a day acceptable to the Lord? Isaiah 58:3-5 /Therefore, fasting to show others is an act of hypocrisy.

/Fasting means to fix our relationship with God. /Fasting to show off to others is wrong. /When we fast we must make sure that no one knows about it.

/We must fast before God. /There are people who brag about having fasted for forty days. /That person has fasted with wrong intentions.

/Verse 17. /But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face,

/This means that we should not physically let it be known that we are fasting. /When we receive compliments from people, then we cannot receive compliments from God.

/Verse 18. /so that it will not be obvious to others that you are fasting, but only to your Father, who is unseen; and your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.

/Fasting is to be upright before God who is unseen. /Fasting is done to receive God's grace. /Therefore, we must fast before God and not before others. /Then God will reward us with his grace.

/Verses 19-20. /**19** “Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. **20** But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal.

/What are treasures? /Treasures are life, body, and heart. /Time, people, and materials are also treasures. /Businesses, environments, and power are also treasures. /All these are treasures that God has given us.

/Jesus said that we must not store up treasures on earth. /He meant that we should store up treasures in heaven. /Thus, we must use our earthly treasures for God. /Jesus’ disciples left their boats and families and followed Jesus.

/Stephen gave up his life and followed the Lord. /This is an act of storing up treasures in heaven. /The three Wise Men brought Jesus gifts of gold, incense, and myrrh. /Storing up treasures on earth is not safe.

/Thieves can steal our treasures on earth. /Also, the treasures will rust away. /Then the treasures stored up on earth will become useless. /When we die we will have to leave everything behind.

/Therefore, we must store for ourselves treasures in heaven and seek God. /We must not be slaves to material possessions. /We must be servants to God.

/Verse 21. /For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

/Where are treasures are where are hearts are also. /Treasures are valuable and so our hearts tend to lean towards our treasures. /When we store up treasures in heaven and because treasures are valuable, our hearts will be towards heaven.

/However, when our treasures are on earth, our hearts will be on earth as well. /When we store up treasures on earth, we leave the spiritual world.

/Verses 22-23. /**22** “The eye is the lamp of the body. If your eyes are healthy, your whole body will be full of light. **23** But if your eyes are unhealthy, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light within you is darkness, how great is that darkness!

/When we store our treasures on earth, our spiritual eyes will grow dark. /When we store our treasures in heaven, our spiritual eyes will be full of light. /When our eyes become dark, our entire bodies become dark as well.

/Therefore, we must store our treasures in heaven. /Our spiritual eyes must become full of light. /We must seek God and build our hope in God. /Then our spiritual eyes will brighten and we will find hope.

/Verse 24. / “No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.

/A person cannot serve two masters. /A servant cannot serve two kings. /Thus, we cannot serve both God and money. /When we serve both God and money, it means that we seek after wealth more than God.

/Life and fortune are both found in God alone. /We must not live for wealth but we must live for God. /When we serve two masters it means that our lives are centered on the world. /When we serve both God and wealth, it means that we have left God to serve money.

/This means that money has become an idol. /Abraham had a nephew named Lot. /Lot chased after wealth on earth. /Abraham only chased after God. /In the end, Lot’s life ended in failure.

/We must overcome materialistic temptations. /The first part of temptation is temptation of materials. /The second part is temptation of recognition of whether one loves God more or people. /The disciples left their families to follow Jesus. /We must leave our fathers, lands, children, and homes and follow Jesus.

/The third part is overcoming the temptation of life of whether or not one can lay down his life for God. /We must overcome temptation of materials, temptation of recognition, and temptation of life.

/Verse 25. / “Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes?”

/People worry about what to eat and what to wear. /Is life more important or food? /Life is more important than food. /Then wouldn’t God, who gave us life, give us food to eat?

/Is the body more important or clothes? /The body is more important than clothes. /Then wouldn’t God, who gave us bodies, give us clothes to wear? /God knows our needs for food and clothes.

/When a farmer buys a cow, he has food ready for feed. /If the cow becomes sick and dies, its owner will face a great loss. /Similarly, God will take care of us in giving us food and clothes because he gave us life.

/Verse 26. /Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they?

/Jesus said to look at the birds of the air. /The birds of the air do not store grains in barns. /They do not even worry when winter comes around. /God created birds and prepared food for birds to eat.

/When snow falls in winter, birds feed off hayseeds or pinecone seeds. /If God feeds the birds of the air, why wouldn't he feed his people? /Jesus said to look at the "birds of the air".

/Jesus said to look at the "birds of the air". /He did not say to look at the "birds sleeping on the ground". /He did not say to look at the "birds laying still". /Birds have to fly around from morning to evening to find food to eat.

/Birds eventually find food to eat. /For even when we were with you, we gave you this rule: "The one who is unwilling to work shall not eat." 2

Thessalonians 3:10 /We must be humble and accept any jobs given to us. /There are no ranks in occupations. /All jobs are good as long as they don't require you to sin. /Therefore, we must not be lazy and work hard so that we may gain food to eat.

/Verse 27. /Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life?

/Worrying will not add to our height nor take away from it. /Worrying will not extend our lifespans nor will it cut it short. /As a matter of fact, when we worry, we will be tempted by Satan.

/Therefore, we must not worry but rather pray to God. /We must learn to be self-sufficient. /We must be content.

/Verses 28-30. /And why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. **29** Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. **30** If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith?

/Jesus said to look at the flowers of the field. /How beautiful God made the flowers! /The flowers are rich with scents. /There is life in them. /Jesus said that the flowers are more beautiful than the clothes Solomon wore.

/Solomon's clothes did not have life. /His clothes were man-made. /However, the flowers of the field have life and scents. /God clothes the flowers. /Therefore, why wouldn't God clothe those who believe in him?

/Verses 31-32. /**31** So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' **32** For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them.

/Jesus said we shouldn't worry about what to eat or what to wear. /God knows what all our needs are. /Then what should we seek? /The answer is in the following verse.

/Verse 33. /But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

/Believers must first seek his kingdom and his righteousness. /"His kingdom" refers to God's reign. /We must remain under God's reign. /We must be God's servants. /We must seek the advancement of the kingdom of God.

/We must spread the gospel and advance the kingdom of God. /We must revive our souls with truth and the Holy Spirit. /Our faith must grow. /We must become holy. /God's will must be done on earth.

/The kingdom of God must grow and flourish. /Jesus also said to seek "his righteousness". /To be "righteous" means to be right before God. /It means to chase after what is good. /Sodom and Gomorrah perished because God couldn't find ten righteous people in the city.

/In the time of Noah, there were no righteous people. /Therefore, we must walk in the path of righteousness. /We must follow what is right, /we must be guided by the word of God, /we must follow the Holy Spirit, /and we must follow the consciousness of our faith.

/When we find what is right, we must hold fast to it. /Then we will find life. /Matthew 5 says that those who hunger and thirst for righteousness will be blessed.

/Jesus said that when we seek his kingdom and righteousness, we will be given all that we need. /This means that God will give us food to eat and clothes to wear. /God will take care of his people.

/Verse 34. /Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

/Jesus said do not worry about tomorrow. /We must focus on and do our best with the work that has been given us today. /Then what is the work that has been given us today? /It is to seek his kingdom and his righteousness. /We must work to believe.

/We do not know what tomorrow will bring. /We do not know if tomorrow will be like today. /Therefore, we must live each day by faith. /**13** Now listen, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go to this or that city, spend a year there, carry on business and make money." **14** Why, you do not even know what will happen tomorrow. What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes. **15** Instead, you ought to say, "If it is the Lord's will, we will live and do this or that." **16** As it is, you boast in your arrogant schemes. All such boasting is evil. **17** If

anyone, then, knows the good they ought to do and doesn't do it, it is sin for them. James 4:13-17 /We must worry about tomorrow when tomorrow comes.

/Then what will "happen tomorrow"? /What is to happen tomorrow is to seek his kingdom and his righteousness. /It means to not worry about the things of the world.

/If we can keep our faith through one day today, then we should be satisfied. /If we kept our faith today then that should satisfy us. /We should be satisfied even if we face persecution or poverty. /When we keep our faith it will be permanently written in heaven.

/Jesus said that each day has enough trouble of its own. /Even if we encounter troubled times to keep our faith, we must remain satisfied. /Keeping our faith will be remembered forever. /We will have stored up treasures in heaven.

/This is how God's kingdom is. /His righteousness is fulfilled. /We must not worry. /We must entrust everything to God. /Our job is to seek first his kingdom and his righteousness.

/We must live every day by faith. /When we do so, our righteousness will be recognized by God and we will receive from God. /When we live by faith and by spirit, God will supply us with more than what we ask for.

/Here we will conclude the fifth course on the Gospel of Matthew.